

SUMMARY OF
Contract for the Transfer of Functions and Responsibilities
from the State School Reform/Redesign District to the Education Achievement Authority

- Transfers functions and responsibilities otherwise performed by the State School Reform/Redesign District (Reform District) to the Education Achievement Authority (EAA).
- Authorized by Public Act 8 of the Extra Session of 1967, which provides for the transfer of functions and responsibilities from one governmental entity (such as a school district) in Michigan to be performed by another (including a special authority).
- The Reform District was established in 2009 by the Michigan Legislature as part of a multi-year effort to reform state education laws and enhance Michigan's competitive position in the Race to the Top Program designed by the United States Department of Education.
- As part of the 2009 legislation:
 - The State publishes an annual list of the lowest achieving 5% of all public schools. Schools on the list fall under the jurisdiction of the State School Reform/Redesign Officer (Reform Officer) and must implement an approved redesign plan.
 - If a redesign plan is not approved by the Reform Officer, or if the Reform Officer determines that a redesign plan for a public school is not achieving satisfactory results, the Reform Officer must issue an order placing the public school in the Reform District, removing the school from its local school district.
 - The Reform District consists of all public schools from throughout Michigan placed in the Reform District by the Reform Officer. The Reform District has authority over all funds attributable to students at a school placed in the Reform District.
 - For a school placed in the Reform District, the Reform Officer exercises all of the powers and duties otherwise vested in the local school board for the school, except the power to levy taxes or issue bonds.
 - A public school under the control of an emergency manager is not subject to transfer to the Reform District.
- No schools are currently in the Reform District.
- Under the transfer contract, a school placed in the Reform District would be operated by the EAA and its Chancellor, providing a statewide component for EAA activities.
- The functions transferred to the EAA under the transfer contract would be in addition to the functions of the EAA under the interlocal agreement between Detroit Public Schools and Eastern Michigan University that established the EAA.

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